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Washington, May 20—Forcenst: Alabama: Fair and continued warm Thursday and Friday, light South winds,

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JOHNSON CARRIED FIVE OF THE COUNTIES

Returns Are Still Coming Slowly.

DR. CUNNINGHAM MAY BE A WINNER

Mayfield Successful With Three Others Close.

Official Count of Votes Will Be Neces

the Winners in the Demo-

Unofficial returns were received yes terday from a few counties of Alabama, but the situation is still chaotic, due to the lengthy ballots and no accurate results of Monday's primary election may be expected until the returns are canvassed Saturday by the County Committees.

Governor Johnson carried at least five counties of the State and in Mobile his majority over Bryan was approximately 1,100. It is certain he carried

mately 1,100. It is certain he carried Montgomery, Mobile, Macon, Coffee and Washington. He probably carried Conscul and Monroe.

One of the surprises shown by the meagre returns is the heavy vote polled by Dr. R. M. Cunningham for delegate at large. The indications are he has defeated Captain E. W. Booker for fourth place. The three successful candidates are Congressmen Hefin and Clayton and John W. Tomlinson, whose vote was in the order named.

Judge J. J. Mayfield has been nominated for Supreme Court Justice. The vote of Judge R. T. Simpson, Judge A. H. Alston and Judge J. A. Bilbro is so split up, that it may take the official count to decide it.

Ashland, May 20.—(Special.)—Complete returns from eight precincts of Clay county give Bryan 728, Johnson 113, Booker 339, Clayton 647, Cuningham 463, Heflin 1,175, Kyle 78, Moody 237, Tomlinson 623, O'Neal 644, Pugh 498, Rountree 255, Alston 99, Bilbro 116, Chilton 460, Lusk 254, Mayfield 622, Simpson 181.

Full returns will increase these votes Full returns will increase these votes

60 per cent. For elector of this district Cornellus gets 1,137, Smith 234.

COFFEE.

Elbs. May 20.—(Special.)—When there is great interest in local politics it is a matter of impossibility to get the returns in Coffee county for State

nd district offices.

With the exception of three or four boxes no returns have been returned. A total of those boxes gives Alston an immense lead for Supreme Court. an immense lead for Supreme Court, judge, with Simpson and Lusk close behind. Alston has received a very heavy vote for Supreme Court judge, possibly five hundred more than any other candidate, while Lusk and Simpson have also had good votes.

The same sort of indefinite information, coupled with what exact information, has carried the county has carried the county.

formation has been obtained, included that Johnson has carried the county by from two hundred to three hundred majority. All boxes reported at all show that Bryan carried only two of These beats were large one, however, and Bryan had good majorities, so it is possible that Johnson's majority will

Clayton has led the ticket for delegates, with Cunningham next and Heflin next. It is impossible to make a surmise further.
Pugh and O'Neal have large majori-

for electors, as has Wallace for The county committee will canvass the returns at Elba next Saturday.

Selma, May 20.—(Special.)—The full returns from all of the boxes in the County of the primaries held Monday were received here today and were tah-ulated by Secretary T. W. Barker of the Dallas County Democratic Executive Committee.
The vote in the County for the State

ticket and the result of the County tickets are as follows:

Bryan, 1.045; Johnson, 409; Booker, 929; Clayton, 1.126; Cunningham, 582; Heffin, 1.142; Kyle, 309; Moody, 358; Tomlinson, 1.051; Brown, 1.252; Jones, 1.250; Maner, 1.251; Rainer, 1.254; Keith,

1,379; Williams, 1,382; Crumpton, 1,382; Wilkinson, 1,334; O'Neal, 1,227; Pugh, 1,057; Rountree, 467; Grayson, 1,038; Inzer, 1,293; Edmondson, 1,310; Addison F. McGhee, 1,185; Alston, 332; Bilbro, 77; Chilton, 528; Lusk, 329; May-, 757; Simpson, 810; Henderson, 1,-Mastin, 192; Wallace, 1,198; Craig,

The County ticket is as follows: For Tax Collector—John J. Babcock, 504; G. Crawford Phillips, 1,008, For Tax Assessor—I. David Lloyd, 379; Joseph H. Lumpkin, 1,124.

For Superintendent of Education— Darby M. Callaway, 1,433. For Coroner—Judson Brislin, 1,427. For Justices of the Peace City Precinct 36—J. Heflin Berry, 764.
For Constable City Precinct 36—F. J.
Bowline, 293; P. S. Fulford, 432; M. R.

HOUSTON.

Dothan, May 20.—(Special.)—Reports on the State ticket are just now made possible by the completion of the count which is in detail as follows: Bryan, 1,021; Johnson, 302; Booker, 541; Clayton, 1,477; Cunningham, 662; Heflin, 1,-Kyle, 148: Moody, 227; Tomlinson, Brown, 1.054; Jones, 1.025; Ma-1.039; Rainer, 1.067; Martin, 1.184; Pace, 1,338; Henderson, 1,132; Steagall, 1,120; O'Neal, 931; Pugh, 1,046; Rountree, 459; Grayson, 1,094; Inzer, 1,070; Jones, 1,075; Alston, 707; Bilbro, 126; Lusk, 467; Mayfield. Simpson, 679; Henderson, 1,020; Martin, 343; Wallace, 812; Gardner, 1,097; Clay-ton, 1,511; Purcell, 1,292.

LAUDERDALE.

ting" him. Mayfield and Bilbro will probably follow in the order named.

MACON.

Tuskegee May 20.—(Special.)—Fu' returns from Macon county show the Johnson carried the county. His is jority over Bryan will be approximately fifty.

Heflin, Clayton, Cunningham and Booker received the vote of the county in the order named and O'Neal and Pugh ran far ahead of Rountree.

For Supreme Court the choice of the county was Bilbro and Chilton with Simpson and Mayneld third and fourth.

C. S. Cornelius was nominated for elector of the Fifth District.

MOBILE.

Mobile, May 20—Returns from every box in the city and county show that Monday's primary gave Governor Johnson a majority of 1,104 votes.

This majority over Bryan is very remarkable in view of the fact that the campaign in Mobile was started four days previous to the election and only one political rally was held. In a number of the precincts Bryan did not get a vote. This big majority will reduce Bryan's lead.

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Troy, May 20—(Special)—The returns from Pike County for the State ticket, which are substantially correct as given, are as follows: Bryan, 1,221; Johnson, 604.

Johnson, 804.

Delegates from State at Large,
Booker, 761; Clayton, 1,484; Cunningham, 995; Heflin, 1,424; Kyle, 286;
Moody, 277; Tomlinson, 1,026.

For electors from State at large:
O'Neal, 1,145; Pugh, 927; Rountree, 558.

For Associate Justice of the Supreme
Court: Alston, 692; Chilton, 638; BMbro, 429; Lusk, 193; Mayfield, 693;
Simpson, 587.

To the surprise of many Mastin beat

To the surprise of many, Mastin beat Wallace for State Game and Fish Commissioner by more than three hundred votes, getting 899 votes while Wallace got only 587. For Representative for Congress from the Second Congressional Dis-trict, Thomas J. Hall, 581; Ariosto A.

Wiley, 1,369.

RANDOLPH. RANDOLPH.

Roanoke, May 20 - Special) -- The following is the total vote in the county:
Bryan, 807; Johnson, 263. For Supreme Court: Alston, 115; Bilbro, 166;
Chilton, 217; Lusk, 199; Mayfield, 708;
Simpson, 624. For Game and Fish
Commissioner: Mastin, 337; Wallace,
521. For State electron. Commissioner: Mastin, 337; Wellace, 521. For State electors: O'Neal, 789; Pugh, 556; Roustree, 398. For District Elector: Cornelius, 543; Emith. 403. J. Thomas Heftin for Congress, 1,128, For convention, 230; for primary 587. The Bryan delegates were elected, except that Cunningham beat Booker thirty votes.

SUNTER.

Livingston, May 20.—(Special.)—The election in Sumter county resulted in a Bryan victory. Johnson only carried four beats out of twenty. Bilbro and Mayfield lead for Supreme Court judges. A. C. Thomas has won from Jones for tax collector.

TALLADEGA. Talladega, May 20.—(Special.)—The official count this afternoon showed that Bryan received \$77 votes in the county and Johnson 486, which is about 300 votes behind the county

For delegates Booker received 970 For delegates Booker received 970, Clayton 916, Cunningham 627, Heftin 988, Kyle 339, Moody 411, Tomlinson 884, O'Neal 951, Pugh 850, Rountree 436, Alston 156, Bibro 376, Chilton 584, Lusk 225, Mayfield 794, Simpson 639, Heflin polled the highest vote and Tomlinson the lowest on the Bryan ticket. Mastin received 466 votes and Wallace 782.

WASHINGTON. St. Stephens, May 20.—(Special.)—
The largest precincts have been heard from and the indications are that Johnson carried the County for President by a small majority.
Clayton and Tomlinson and Cunning-

ham are leading the ticket for dele gates to the convention, with a close vote between Moody and Hefin for the fourth place. O'Neal and Pugh for

Mayfield leads the ticket for preme Court. Alston and Simpson are running close for second place. The County is very nearly solid for John H Wallace for State Game and

Fish Commissioner.
Warren S. Pugh will be elected Tax
Collector and M. L. Smith, Assessor.
W. H. Harriss, County Treasurer.
The following is the vote 'at this point

Bryan, 80; Johnson, 114; Booker, 41; Clayton, 148; Cunningham, 133; Heflin, 103; Kyle, 35; Moody, 164; Tomlinson, 142; O'Neal, 141; Pugh, 147; Rountree, 142; O'Neal, 141; Pugh, 147; Rountree, 32; Alston, 93; Bilbro, 21; Chilton, 1; Lusk, 6; Mayfield, 142; Simpson, 98; Mastin, 14; Wallace, 158.

WILCOX. Camden, May 20—(Special.)--Camden votes Bryan, 93; Johnson, 68; Booker, 51; Clayton, 99; Cunningham, 118; Hef-lin, 142; Kyle, 57; Moody, 101; Tomlinson, 83; Alston, 68; Bilbro, 19; Chilton, 9; Lusk, 11; Mayfield, 113; Simpson,

YOUNG FARMER DIES

CHARLES CLARKE VICTIM OF HIS

Woman is in Custody and Declares She Did Not Intend to Kill Hus-band -- Prominent in Coffee,

Troy, May 20 .-- (Special.) -- Charlie Clarke, who was shot by his wife Mrs. Ida Clarke, yesterday morning while improper motives.

Twentieth—That no member of this Twentieth—That no member of this at work in his field about seventeen miles south of here in Coffee county, died last night from the wound. He was shot in the breast just below the heart with a 32 caliber pistol. His wife claims now that the shooting was accidental, but that is not what a witness who was with Clarke at the time

Clarkes Are Prominent. Elba. May 20. - (Special.) - Charles cise a corrupting influence upon either of beat 15, who lived ten miles north of Elba.

Dusiness of said company, and not exercise a corrupting influence upon either cise a corrupting influence upon either of beat 15, who lived ten miles north of Elba.

Twenty-second—That no campaign

a prominent democratic politician, a campaign comm wealthy farmer and country merchant, while other brothers are in the naval Twenty-third-

In the country beats no count is taken and the count of the Florence box has not been completed. A count will not be necessary, however, to place the County safely in the Bryan column by a large majority. O'Neal polled a large vote and Pugh and Rountree are bunched, with the balance a little in favor of the latter.

Judge Simpson polled a splendid vote, many voters in Florence beat and paroughout the County "single shot-"

A prominent democratic politician, a wealthy farmer and country merchant, while other brothers are in the naval stores are in the naval stores are in the naval stores and farming business in North swenty merchant, while other brothers are in the naval stores and farming business in North sworn repeatedly, including his last appearance before this committee, that he had no further suggestion, facts, or sources of information, that he had no further suggestion, facts or sources of information, that he had withheld from the committees or fund of any political party.

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LILLY GETS

& Charges Were Without Foundation.

HOUSE ADOPTS THE REPORT

Committee Speaks Plainly Investigation.

terest of a Boat Company and False Statements

Were Filed.

Washington, May 19.-That repre-

Washington, May 19.—That representative George Lilley of Connecticut was not warranted in bringing charges against certain of his colleagues in the house and accredited members of the press, is the conclusion reached by the special committee named by Speaker Cannon to investigate methods employed by the Electric Boat Company of New Jersey, in connection with legislation before congress.

In an exhaustive report submitted

In an exhaustive report submitted to the house today, Chairman Boutell and his colleagues review the testimony brought out before the committee in hearing extending over several weeks, and declare with entire unanimity that no member of the house and no representative of the press has been induced by the officers of the Electric Boat Company to accept service from corrupt or improper motives.

Report of Committee.

The hearing began on March 9 and closed April 30. The testimony was taken in Washington, New York and taken in Washington, New York and New Orleans, the conclusions reached as the unanimous opinion of the comnittee follows: First—That House resolution 255 in-

troduced by Mr. Lilley was an impo-tent resolution, and no evidence could have been compelled thereunder and that this investigation required the adoption of house resolution 288 of the committee on rules, under which the inquiry has proceeded.
Second—That Mr. Lilley's resolution

was not introduced in good faith. Third—That Mr. Lilley had no formation to justify his charges made efore the committee on rules.
Fourth—That Mr. Lilley acted in bad

the purpose of the propaganda of the Lak Torpedo Boat Company, namely, comoner MACK MAKES PUBLIC HIS VERDICT. committee bill relating to submarines.

Eighth—That Mr. Lilley acted in bad faith in concealing from our committee the real parties in interest who were behind this investigation and furnishing him with information and evidence. Ninth-That the charge that the four clause in the naval committee bill was clause in the naval committee bill was false; that Mr: Lilley, as a member of the naval committee, knew that the charge was false, and that he refused to maintain the charge before this com-

mittee. That Representative Loud was made the object of anonymous charges that were without foundation

Eleventh-That Mr. Lilley violated his obligations as a member of this house in formulating and urging before the committee groundless charges

contempt of this house in destroying the forged letter from Webster to Edinborough instead of delivering it to this committee.
Thirteenth—That Mr. Lilley violated

Trirteenth—That Mr. Lilley violated his obligations as a member of this house in permitting his clerk to send out letters in Mr. Lilley's name re-flecting on the honor and integrity of members of this house. members of this house.

Fourteenth—That Mr. Lilley acted in contempt of this house in not disavowing openly upon the floor of the house the letter to Goff, published over his signature, reflecting upon the honor

and integrity of members of this Fifteenth-That no official of the pavy has been induced by the officers of the Electric Boat Company, or any one else to act in his official capacity from corrupt or improper motives. Sixteenth-That Mr. Lilley's charge of excessive profits in the submarine contracts was based on fictitious fig-

ures, composed by an agent of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company by a perversion of the testimoy of Admiral Bowles in Seventeenth-That the charge that an excessive profit in the submarine contracts was due to special legislation in favor of one of the companies was false and Mr. Lilley knew that the

charge was false when he made it.

Bribery Not Proved.

Eighteenth—That no representative of the press has been bribed or corrupted by the Electric Boat Com-

Nineteenth-That no member of the committee on naval affairs has been induced by the officers of the Electric mpany or any one else to act in his official capacity from corrupt or

house has been induced by the officers of the Electric Boat Company or any one else to act in his official capacity from corrupt or improper motives.

Twenty-first—That the two attorneys employed by the Electric Boat Com-pany in the districts of members of the naval committee and remote from business of said company, and not exer-

Clarke was a prominent young farmer of beat 15, who lived ten miles north of Eiba.

Mr. Clarke was a member of one of the most prominent families in North Coffee. His brother, D. W. Clarke, is a prominent democratic politician, a prominent democratic politician, a

PLATT DENIES GIRL'S STORY

DID NOT MARRY MAE WOOD

Paid \$10,000 to Secure Certain

Letters.

When He Appeared in Court

New York, May 20-United States

Senator Thomas C. Platt, for many

ears the leader of the Republican

party in this State, testified in his own

behalf today and denied all the charges

brought against him by Mae C. Wood

a former newspaper woman, and law-yer of Omaha, Nebraska.

Most of the Senator's testimony was

ago. The Senator also denied that he ever signed a letter to Miss Wood which she had given in evidence and which purported to acknowledge Miss Wood as hsi wife.

Platt on the Stand.

In opening his testimony the Senator said that he was nearly 75 years old. His first wife died in 1901. He first met Miss Wood in 1901.

Hotel to become your wife?"
"I never asked her; it's false."
The Senator described his rooms at

the Arlington Hotel and said No. 158
was the parlor and there were two

bedrooms and a bath room.
"Did you talk to the plaintiff in November, 1901, about marriage?"

LeBarbier, Miss Wood's counsel,

Fifth Avenue Hotel?" asked

"I could not say. I saw her there a good many times."
"Did you call her Katy."

"I called her Katy in my letters. I was very much pleased with her and liked her very much."

"Did she call you by any pet name?"
"Never in my life."
"Why did you like her?"

"Because she was an agreeable wo-

"Did you ever at any time or place

"I did not."
"Did she ever promise to marry

"I never gave the plaintiff a wedding

ring in my life."

"Did you ever have a wedding ring inscribed for her?"

"Never in my life?" was the answer.

Shows Marriage Certificate.

The lawyer handed the Senator the alleged certificate, and the Senator said

he never saw the paper before in his life, although he had seen a photo-

graph of it
"Did you, on the night of Nov. 9,
1901, hand that paper to the plaintiff?"
"I never did."

"Do you know where that exhibit was procured or who procured it?"

"Is there any handwriting of yours

on that paper?"
The Senator looked the paper over,

A number of letters, alleged to have

been written by the Senator to Miss Wood were read, and he denied that he

back and front, and answered:

'Not that I know of."

wedding ring?'

Leader of Republicans

The reading of the report occupied four hous time. Upon the conclusion of the reading Mr. Payne, the majority leader, offered a resolution approving the report and its conclusions, and adopting them as the conclusion of the House. Aged Senator on the Witness Stand.

House.

Briags Out Debate.

Mr. Higgins (Conn.), a colleague of Mr. Lilley, declaring his absolute belief that members of the House were above improper influence, maintained that those who knew Mr. Liley could not accept the committee's findings, that he was guilty either of bad faith or with wilfully making any misstatements. ments.
Mr. Hill (Conn.) paid a brief tribute

Mr. Hill (Conn.) paid a brief tribute to his colleague, and expressed his confidence in Mr. Lilley's integrity and sincerety of purpose.

Following a statement by Mr. Payne that the committee was justified in its report and conclusions, Mr. Williams (Miss.), the minority leader, denounced Mr. Lilley as being guilty of treason. "The very worst form of treason to a Government like ours," he said, "is corrupt practice on the part of a representative of the people."

resentative of the people."

He maintained that any member of the House guilty of corrupt practices was an enemy of the people them-

"Not only an enemy, but a traitor."
Such a member, he declared, was not a gentleman, for, he said, no gentleman betrayed a trust. The very worst form of treason to the people," he exclaimed, "is to stigmatize as being guilty of corrupt practices fellow representatives of the people who are not guilty of the charges."

He had no besitation in saying, he

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The Senator denied Miss Wood's statement that he married her in the Fifth Avenue Hotel in this city on November 9, 1901, but declared that he met her at the hotel to take her to dinner. He declared that he never married her and never promised to do so. He did pay his son, Frank Platt \$10,000 to secure certain letters in a suit Miss Wood brought some time ago. The Senator also denied that he BRYANITES BEATEN GUFFEY FACTION CONTROLS PENN-SYLVANIA CONVENTION.

Delegates At Large to Denver Conven-tion Will Go Uninstructed— Former State Treasurer Berry Turned Down.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 20-The Demo eratic organization of Pennsylvania headed by National Committeeman, James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg, today defeated the Bryan faction of the pardefeated the Bryan faction of the party in the State convention on the question of instructing delegates at large. The Bryanites are in favor of binding instructions for the Nebraskan, while the Guffey forces are absolutely opposed tieing them down to any one candidate. The Bryanites put up the stiffest kind of a fight.

The delegates at large elected at the afternoon session, are Col. Guffey.

before the committee on rules.

Fourth—That Mr. Lilley acted in bad faith in making his charges before the committee on rules.

Fifth—That Mr. Lilley seted in bad faith in stating before this committee that he had made ne charge reflecting upon members of the house before the committee, on rules.

Sixth Senator J. K. P. Hall, of Elk County, State Senator Arthur M. Details, of Lehigh County, and State Representative John M. Garmon, of Columbia County. Former State Upon members of the house before the committee, on rules.

Sixth—Tiss: Mr. Lilley allowed himself to be used as an instrument of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company in the rivalry and attack upon a competing company. "No."
"Did you on November 3 ask her to marry you, the ceremony to take place on Saturday, and say you, yourself, would make all arrangements?"
"I did not," replied the Senator.
The Senator denied emphatically that he had given Miss Wood a photograph of himself on which he had written: "To my dear wife." Miss Wood testified that she was sitting on Platt's knee while he wrote these words.

Seventh—That Mr. Liftley's real object in introducing his resolution and making his charges was the same as MRS. GUNNESS DEAD

Body of the Adult Female Found in

ed Platt if he ever addressed Miss Wood in endearing terms. Ruins of Home Declared to Be Platt said: "I may have foolishly done so some times." That of the Murderess.

LaPorte. Ind., May 20.--"It is my verdict that the body so viewed is that of done so some times.

Platt said he saw Miss Wood some-times as his business office at 49 Broad-way, and that Miss Wood called with Belle Gunness, and she came to death through felonious homcide a Mrs. Canfield, who was a candidate for appointment in the Philippines. "How many times did you see her and that the perpetrator thereof is to me unknown. (Signed) "C. S. Mack, Coroner."

(Signed) "C. S. Mack, Coroner."
Such was the verdict rendered late this afternoon by Coroner Mack. The official declaration that the body of the adult female found in the ruins of the fire of Apri 28, which destroyed the home of Mrs. Belle Gunness, was that of Mrs. Gunness, is the sequel to the report yesterday of Dr. J. P. Norton, Mrs. Gunness' dentist, that the bridges holding various false and gold filled teeth, were those of Mrs. Gunness. filled teeth, were those of Mrs. Gunness. The official finding of the coroner will relieve the state's attorney of the necessity of proving in court, should oc-casion require that Mrs. Gunness is

marry the plaintiff in this suit?" asked Mr. Stanchfield, counsel for the Sen-Coroner Mack expects to file verdicts in the other deaths in a few days. This is the first official vergict in the Gun-"Did you ever promise to marry the

INSTRUCT DELEGATES

SOUTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS FOR MR. BRYAN.

United States Senators Tillman and Gary Were Selected By Conven-tion as Two of the Dele-

gates at Large. Columbia, S. C., May 20 .- The State nocratic convention met here today and by resolution, instructed the dele-gates to the national convention to for the national convention to

Bryan for the Presidency.

M. L. Smith, of Camden, a former Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, was made permanent chairman of the convention.

After the appointment of committees

on resolutions and platform a recess was taken until tonight. was taken until tonight.

The principal business of the evening was the election of delegates at large and the formal ratification of the resolution of instruction for

The election of delegates resulted as

follows: At large: Senators B. R. Tillman and F. B. Gary: Will'e Jones, H. H.

Lodge.

Evergreen, May 20-(Special)-J. H.

Burt, a well known and highly respected citizen of Evergreen and a former traveling salesman for W. F. Vandiyer, and Co.

Aternates at large: W. F. Stevenson, R. F. Stevenson, R. F. Stevens, R. F. Smith, T. B. Crew and John P. Grace. had written any of them.

The letter reading, "Your letter is so bright, it almost reconciles me to O'Dell's election," was dated 1901, and Mr. Stanchfield asked: "O'Dell was elected way back in 1900, was he not?" BURT KILLS HIMSELF

is not.

"He was."
"Yes, that was the year he beat me. CITIZEN OF EVERGREEN AND and I thought I could not be mistaken," said Mr. Stanchfield, which raised a laugh in the courtroom, in which the TRAVELING SALESMAN. Took His Own Life in Savanuah And News is Sent to His Pythian

Senator joined. The Senator declared positively that he had never maintained improper re-lations with the plaintiff. lations with the plaintiff.
"Did you ever call her by a more endearing name than Catty, call her dearest?" asked Mr. Le Barbler. dearest?" asked Mr. Le Barbier.
"I don't believe I ever did."
"Did you ever tell her you were mis-

mer traveling salesman for W. F. Van-diver and Company, committed suicida in Savannah, Ga., this morning. Particulars concerning his death can-not be obtained. He is survived by his wife who resides here. "I don't remember it."
Mr. Le Barbier read a letter alleged to have been written by Platt to Mae Wood in 1901 calling her "dearest Mae," saying she must not expect much from him as his time was occupied, and "life is hardly worth living." After the convention he hoped to meet her. . "Peace and plenty be with Platt said: "I don't think it is a gen-

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COLLEGES DISCUSSED

STRUGGLE FOR RECOGNITION OF UNCLASSIFIED INSTITUTIONS.

Conference for Education of the Meth-odist Church, South, Has Another Interesting Session—Numer. ous Papers Rend.

South, was the struggle made for recognition by what are known as the "unclassified" institutions, which was opposed by the champions of higher grade colleges.

Rev. A. H. Gobey, President of Mortage Marriage Colleges.

risville College, Morrisville, Mo., con-tended that the institutions which now have no other rating than "unclassified," are necessary in the evolution of the prouder colleges. J. H. Kirkland. Chancellor of Vanderbilt University. Nashville. Tenn., whose subject was "The Ideal Junior College," turned aside from his set paper and entered in-to a warm discussion of the "unclassi-fied" college. He argued for their gradual elimination.

Other papers read and discussed were

Gther papers read and discussed were "Educational Standards of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," Prof. W. P. Few, Trinity College, Durham, N. C.; "Place and Work of the Academy of Southern Educational System." Prof. J. D. Clary, president of the training school, Fordyce, Ark.

The afternoon session was presided over by Rev. W. B. Murray, president of Millsap College, Jackson, Miss., at which numerous papers were read, which tended to show that the church school was thoroughly established.

The principal speaker at tonight's acession was Henry S. Prittchett, president of the Carnegie Foundation, New York; on the subject of Church control over institution and how it should be exercised.

Huntsville, May 20.—(Special.)—The Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Church has unanimously adopted a resolution looking to the division of the diocese, it being generally agreed, Bishop Beckwith cencurring, that the State of Alabama has become too large to be included in one diocese.

The members of the Council here regard this action as the most important matter that has been brought up in recent years. Conclusive action on this matter will not be taken until the General Council meets in 1910.

This is the seventy-fifth annual meeting of the Diocesan Council of the Diocesan Council meets in 1910. made in the suit for absolute divorce given in a low, indistinct tone; but when counsel for Miss Wood pressed him hard the Senator answered in a

Southern Presbyterians.

Greensboro, N. C., May 20.—The 48th annual meeting of the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church will open in this city tomorrow. The men's convention of the Southern Presbyterian church has elected officers as follows: President, J. J. Egan. of Atlanta, Ga.; vice president, C. W. Atlanta, Ga.; vice president, C. W. Dorsey, Baltimore Md.; Charles H. Rose, of Fayetteville, N. C.

An address on "Brotherhood" by Rev. H. E. Kirk, of Baitimore, Md. was delivered at the morning session. The discussion of the after was delivered at the morning session. The discussion of the afternoon session included "Men and the Sunday School" led by A. D. Mason, Memphis, Tenn. "Brotherhood Methods" led by Rev. Dr. A. L. Phillips, of Richmond, Va. The men's convention adjourned tonight.

"Do you remember seeing her at the Oriental Hotel?" was asked.
"I never saw her at the Oriental Hotel in my life."
"Do you remember asking her in the month of August, 1901, at the Oriental Hotel to become your wife." Philadelphia, Pa., May 20.—The St. Louis baseball team of the American league left this city today for Boston, leaving "Rube" Waddell, the former Philadelphia pitcher behind.
"Rube" quit the team today after declaring that he had not been treated. claring that he had not been treated fairly by the management.

Two Girls Lose Lives.

Brownwood, Tex., May 20.—Misses Flores and Oille Brewer and 14 and 17 years respectively, daughters of W. N. Brewer, were drownen me yesterday several miles east of Brownwood while bathing in a tank. The bodies were recovered.

MAY SETTLE STRIKE

RETURN TO WORK.

Greater Progress in Settling the Cleve land Strike Was Made Yesterday Than Any Day Since the

Cleveland, O. May 20.-Greater pro gress in settling the street railway strike peacefully and by arbitration, was made today than any day since the strike was begun.

Both sides made material concessions President DuPont, of the Municipal Traction Company, stated that he would

take back the old employes as new men. He insisted upon giving the present men at work the preference. This was objectionable to the union. In a later conference with the union, the members of the State Board of the memoers of the state board of Arbitration obtained a slight concession from the strikers. They agreed to have the men ge back as new men as a temporary expedient.

Violence ceased to be a prominent

factor in the strike during the after noon and evening. Mayor Johnson is-sued a proclamation offering rewards information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons placing ex plosives on the tracks.

COURSE IS DECIDED

"Not that I know of."

The Senator said that he first learned that Miss Wood claimed to be his wife from a Chicago newspaper, he thought in 1903, he could not remember the year.

"Did you ever give the plaintiff a weedling ring?" A CURRENCY COMMISSION MAY BE

Senator Aldrich Will Introduce a Measure in the Senate Today Which
May Accomplish This
Result. Washington, May 26 .- The appoint ment of a currency commission to be composed of nine Senators and nine members of the House, will be provided for in a bill which Senator Aldrich will introduce in the Senate tomorrow and if this is passed by Congress. it

will comprise all of the financial legis-

lation that will be enacted at the present Congress. This course was decided upon today by the conference on the Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill at a final con-ference which demonstrated beyond question that there is no hope of getting an agreement between the Senate and House on an emergency measure. Undoubtedly this decision means that leaders in Congress are determined up-on a final adjournment of Congress next Saturday.

INSTRUCT FOR BRYAN

STATE CONVENTION OF MISSOURI Thirty-six Delegates to National Con-

vention Are Instructed to Vote a Unit for the Nebraskan's Nomination. Jefferson City, Mo., May 20 .-- Volfer-

ously applauding every mention of W J. Bryan's name the delegates to the democratic state convention here today instructed Missouri's thirty-six delegates to the national convention to vote as a unit for the nomination of the Nebraskan for president.

Michigan For Bryun.

Lansing, Mich., May 26-W. J. Bryan was endorsed this afternoon by the State Democratic Convention and the Michigan delegation to the National Convention was instructed to vote for him under the unit rule until he is nominated for the presidency.

WILL DIVIDE THE DIOCESE

Atlanta, Ga., May 29.—The feature of today's session of the conference for education of the Methodist Church.

South, was the struggle made for the method of the struggle made for the services.

SANCTIONED DY THE BISHCP

Alabama Too Large for Active Church Work.

Conclusive Action Will Not Be Tr

This is the seventy-fifth annual meeting of the Diocesan Council of Alabama, and the fiftieth anniversary of

the first meeting of the body in the Church of the Nativity in this city. The opening sermon was delivered by Rev. R. H. Cobb, D. D. of Greens-boro, who was assistant rector of this church at that meeting of the Council fifty years ago. Church history shows that at that time Rev. Dr. Lay, who afterwards became Bishop of Delaware, was the rector of this church at that time. Dr. Cobbs had just come at that time. Dr. Cobbs had just come at that time. here at that time Dr. Cobbs had just come here at that time and was a deacon, afterwards being ordsined into the priesthood by his father. Bishop Cobbs. Preceding the opening sermon there was a processional in which the choristers and all of the clergymen in vestments took part.

ments took part.

The Council was called to order immediately after the religious service by Bishop Beckwith. Nearly all of the clergymen of the diocese are here and nearly every parish is represented by one or more lay delegates.

At the aftergoon session Bishop

At the afternoon session Bishop Beckwith read his annual address giving a resume of the work of the year and showing that there had been 380 confirmations in that time.

confirmations in that time.

Rev. J. G. Glass, rector of Grace Church, of Anniston, and Secretary of the Blocese, introduced the following resolution providing for the division of the diocese:

"Whereas. The Diocese of Alsbams, having co-terminus with the State of Alabama, embraces a territory extending 350 miles north and south and 200 miles east and west and covering 51,540 square miles, with a population in 1889 of 1,828,697 and now nearly 2,000,000, is unwieldy, and

"Whereas. The rapid growth of the church both in the cities and in the

church both in the cities and in the

mission field is in direct proportion to the ability of the church to take al-vantage of opportunities, and "Whereas, The work of the Bishop of Alabama is already rapidly increasing, taxing all his powers, ment-ally physically and spiritually, to even measurably meet the demands made upon his time and strength, and "Whereas, If the work continues to

increase in like proportion it will be easily beyond ability of one man to successfully meet its requirements, and Whereas, Decreased territory will in this case mean increased capacity for effective work, centralization of

for effective work, centralization of local interests and conservation of vital energy. Therefore be it

"Resolved, that a committee be appointed by this Council to take under consideration the entire matter of a possible division of the Diocese of Alabama by the general convention of 1910, said committee to be appointed by and with the full and free consent of the with the full and free consent of the Bishop of the Diocese and report back to this Council in 1909. The committee are at liberty to report and sug-gest lines of division and any other matter that may bear upon the ques-

tion.
"Resolved. That the said com shall consist of the following clergy-men and laymen of the diocese and in case of vacancy from any cause the In case of vacancy from any cause the said vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Bishop: Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Rev. T. J. Beard, D. D., Rev. W. N. Claybrook, Rev. Matthew Brewster, D. D., A. P. Agee, Chancelior of the Diocese, D. M. Drennan, Major W. W. Screws and R. H. Mabry."

Before the resolution was put to a state fleshop Beckwith arross and state. vote Bishop Beckwith arose and stated that he realized the importance and necessity of division and would aid in

carrying out the idea contemplated to the full extent of his ability. Standing committees were appointed this afternoon and other details of the work were attended to. Tonight the evening prayer and sermon was conducted by Rev. R. De-

REV. F. F. E. REESE CONSECRATED,

Former Nashville Episcopal Minister

Heads Diocese of Georgia.

Savannah. Ga., May 20.--Rev. Frederick Focke E. Reese, recently of Nashville, Tenn., was today consecrated bishop of the diocese of Georgia in Christ Church. The following clergy continuated. participated.

articipated.
Consecrators--Right Rev. O. K. Nelnn, bishop of Atlanta, consecrator;
ight Rev. Edwin Gardner Weed, Bishop of Florida, Co-consecrator; Right Rev. Theodore Dubose Bratton, Bishop of Mississippi, co-consecrator; Preuch-er Right Rev. Thomas Frank Gailor. Bishop of Tennessee; Presentors: Right Rev. Albion Williamson Knight, Bishop of Cuba; Right Rev. Beverly Bishop of Cuba; Right Rev. Beverly Dandridge Tucker, D. D., Bishop Co-adjutor of Southern Virginia.

MEMPHIS HAS BIG FIRE WITH VERY HEAVY LOSSES

Memphis, Tenn., May 20-The warehouse and grain elevator of Jones and Rodgers, and the building occupied as a warehouse by the Orgill Brothers and Company, a hardwave concern, were destroyed tonight by a fire over which mastery was gained only after several hours battling by the entire fire department of the city. The loss is estimated at \$325,000.

The fire was first discovered in the basement of Jones and Rodgers warehouse, located at the intersection of Calhoun and South Streets, and in the midst of a number of warehouses and

Florence, May 20.—(Special.)—No definite returns can be given from Lauderdale County so far as the State ticket is concerned.

In the country beats no count is ta-

A AOT REBUKE